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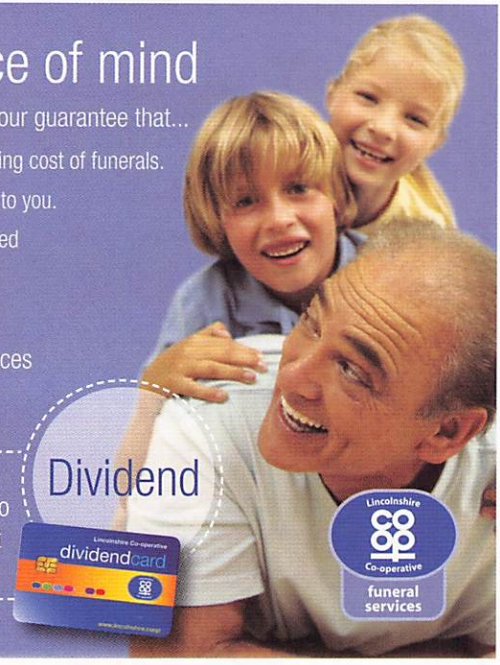

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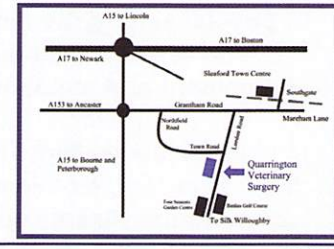

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Welcome to Sleaford

Sleaford History

The original settlement of Old Sleaford was situated between Boston Road and the River Slea and objects found at the site give evidence of Roman and Anglo-Saxon occupation.

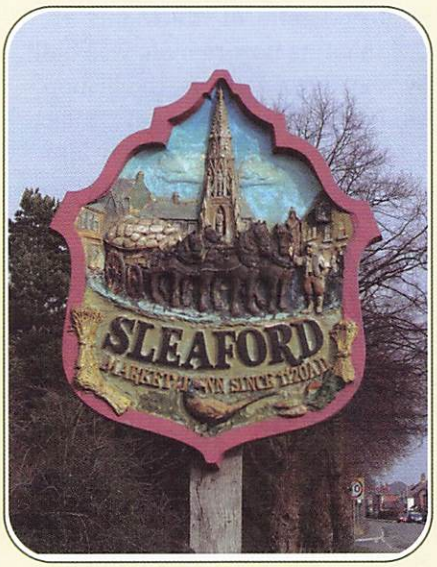
Sleaford Manor House

In the time of Edward the Confessor, the Manor of New Sleaford was held by Bardi, who was a Saxon landowner. With the Norman Conquest of 1066, Bardi was dispossessed, and it was given to the Bishop of Lincoln.

The Manor remained in the possession of the Bishops of Lincoln for over 400 years until the reign of Edward VI (1547-1553), when it was sold by Bishop Holbeach to the Duke of Somerset, who was convicted of treason so the Manor reverted to the Crown. Queen Mary I (1553-1558) granted the Manor to Edward, Lord Clinton, who sold it to the Carre family.

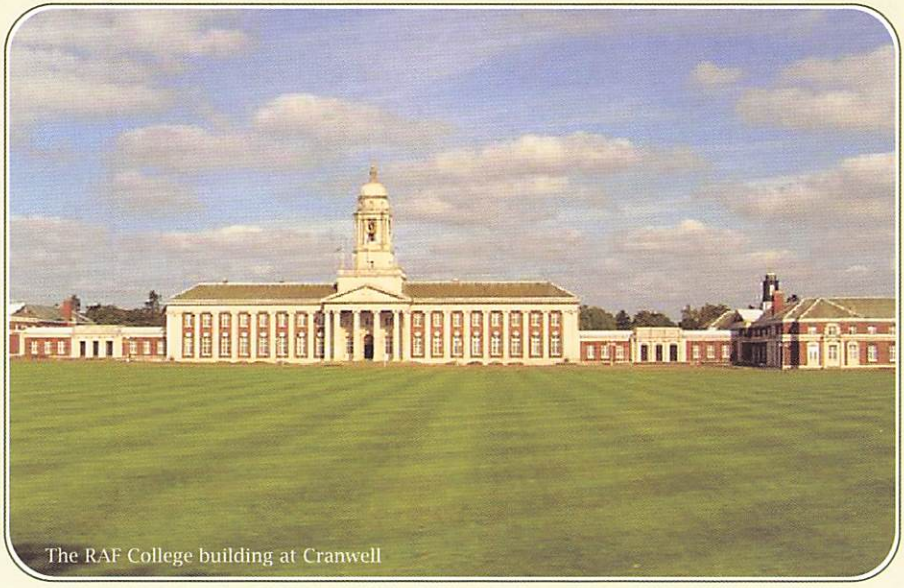
Sleaford Manor House

The Carre family held it until 1686 when, following the death in 1684 of Sir Robert Carre the land Baronet, it passed to his daughter and heiress, Isabella Carre. She married John Hervey, first Earl of Bristol, and since then the Manor of New Sleaford has remained in the ownership of the Earls (later Marquis) of Bristol.

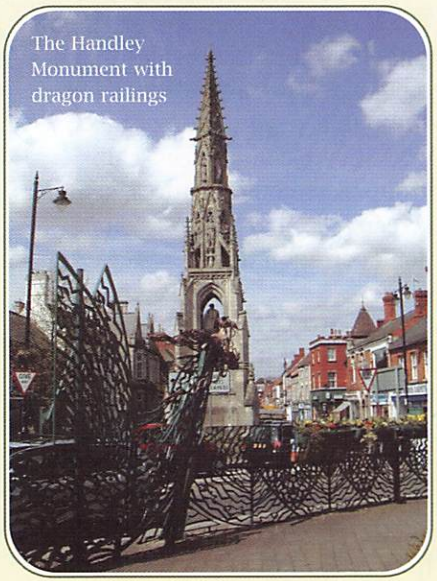


Sleaford Castle, of which only a few mounds now remain, was built by Alexander de Blois, the Bishop of Lincoln from 1123-1147. King John spent a night in it after his disastrous crossing of the Wash. Henry VIII stayed at Sleaford twice and held a State Council at the Castle. The town now serves as an administrative and social centre for the surrounding agricultural district. The Royal Air Force College at Cranwell has very close links with Sleaford.

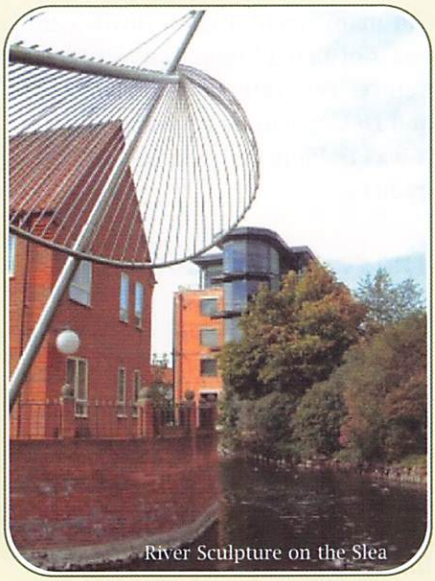
A striking feature in the main street (Southgate) is the Handley Monument, erected to the memory of Henry Handley who was born in Sleaford in 1797 and died in 1846. Mr Handley was a Member of Parliament (but not for this district) from 1820-1826 and when Lincolnshire was divided into two constituencies each returned two members. In 1823 Mr Handley accepted nomination as a candidate and was returned unopposed on three occasions; he resigned in 1841. The memorial was erected by a number of local people who felt that their affection for him should be shown in the form of an enduring memorial and a subscription list towards the cost of the work was duly opened.



The RAF College building at Cranwell



The Handley Monument with dragon railings



River Sculpture on the Slea

In Southgate there is also the wall sign of the Black Bull, dated 1689. This represents bull-baiting and is believed to be the only one of its kind in the country.

Once a vibrant market town, with produce and livestock markets, Sleaford is presently undergoing a revival. The traditional markets still run. There is a vibrant monthly Farmers' Market, regular flea markets, some occasional specialist markets and the festive Christmas Market. The modern town retains the traditions of a Market Town and the market is now held on Mondays, Fridays and Saturdays. Until 1202, it had been held on Sundays but in that year, it was transferred to Thursdays and at a later date it was moved from Thursdays to Mondays.

Schooling in Sleaford has always been of the highest standard, which attracts many people to the school catchment area.

There are some fine examples of sculpture and art in unusual places in and around the town. The picture of the Handley Monument shows some Dragon Railings, and above is a sail sculpture on the River Slea which celebrates the navigation history of the town.

Not many small market towns can boast of being home to a National Centre. The National Centre of Craft and Design can be found in Sleaford. It was re-launched and re-branded in 2011.

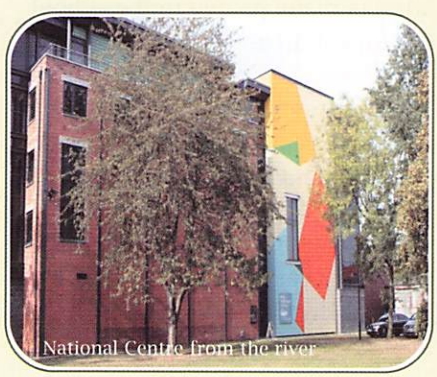
The National Centre For Craft & Design

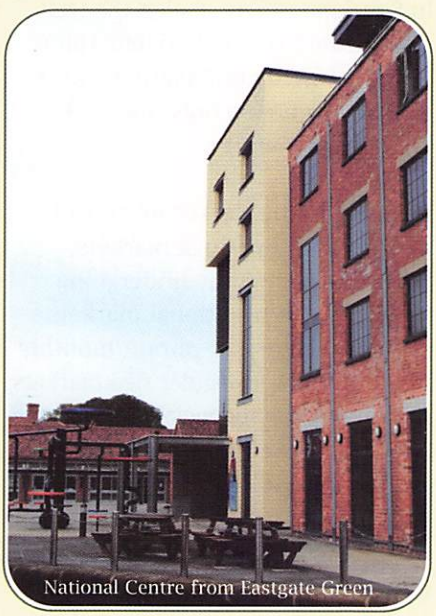
The National Centre for Craft and Design sits at the heart of Sleaford in the pleasant riverside setting of Navigation Wharf.

It is a unique and ambitious gallery that exhibits the most innovative, challenging and accomplished craft and design artists currently practicing. The centre has three exciting exhibition spaces, including the largest main gallery space in England, a roof top gallery and a vibrant window space.

The learning and events programme is built around the themes of each exhibition and offers a lively and public programme of talks, workshops, conferences, clubs, groups, activities, lectures, seminars, screenings, short-courses, and demonstration days.

The retail space provides a visually stunning and inspirational area for demonstrating and promoting creative talent and there is a licensed café that serves locally sourced produce and is a popular haven for local families and business people seeking a creative respite.


National Centre from the river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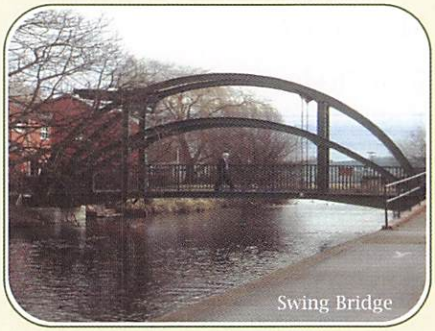
Almshouses

In the shadow of the parish church of St Denys' are the Carre's Hospital Almshouses. Founded in 1636 by Robert Carre, they were designed to accommodate 12 poor men and one servant. They were re-fronted in Tudor style circa 1830 by Charles Kirk, when a Chapel was also added. Features include a pointed bell gable, central windows and formal gardens. Around the corner is the restored Navigation House and Navigation Yard.

The Sleaford Navigation

The Sleaford Navigation was a 12.5 miles (20.1km) canalisation of the River Slea, which opened in 1794. It ran from a junction with the River Witham, near Chapel Hill, to the town of Sleaford through seven locks. The coming of the railways in 1857 led to a rapid decline and it was officially abandoned by an act of Parliament in 1878. The lower part of it remained navigable until the 1940s, when it was blocked by a sluice.

The Sleaford Navigation Trust has been working towards restoring the whole waterway, and succeeded in purchasing the Sleaford end of the riverbed in 2004.


Swing Bridge

A short section at Sleaford was opened in 2010, following the installation of a lift bridge. Nearby, Navigation House, which served as the clerk's office, has been restored as a visitor centre.

Cogglesford Mill

A swing bridge goes over the River Slea and can be opened for boats if the river becomes navigable. A lovely riverside walk then takes you east to the restored and working Cogglesford Mill. A restaurant in the old mill cottages provides welcome refreshment.

Twinning

Sleaford has an active Twinning Association. It is twinned with Marquette-Lez-Lille in France. It is also twinned with Fredersdorf-Vogelsdorf in Germany, just west of Berlin.

Transport

Sleaford has good transport links as it is on the junction of the A17 - east/west and the A15 north/south. There is a good rail link and good access by road or rail to Grantham or Newark where the mainline London trains can be caught.

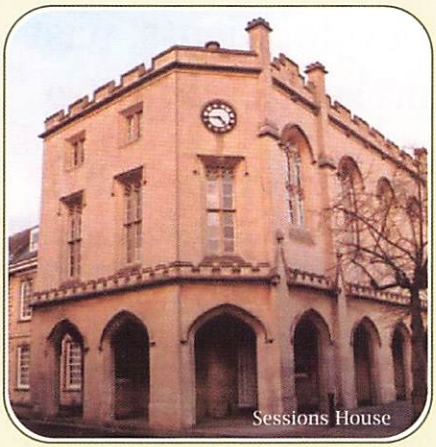
Good transport links

Sleaford Railway Station

Councils

The Town Council looks after the town's cemetery, allotments, parks and open spaces. The service team also keep the town centre area litter free. It also runs the markets and the Mayor takes part in many civic and fundraising events during the Mayoral year.

Sleaford is also the base for North Kesteven District Council. This Council looks after the wider area from just outside Lincoln to Heckington, Cranwell and other surrounding villages.


Sessions House

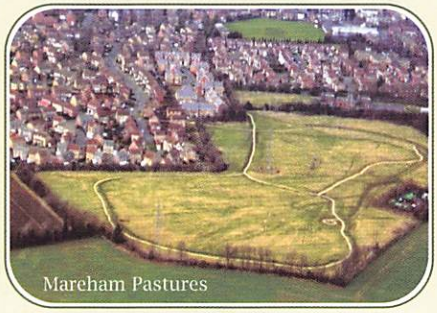
The former law courts – the Sessions House on the corner of the Market Place, now houses a restaurant and a snooker club. This prominent Grade II listed building was put up for sale when all court cases were transferred to Grantham Magistrates' Court in a series of court service cutbacks throughout the county. Built by Charles Kirk in 1831, the stone-fronted building had three floors, with a court room and waiting/interview rooms on each of the first two floors.

North Kesteven District Council Offices

Developments, past present and future

Mareham Pastures

Mareham Pastures is a local nature reserve created from a former landfill site covering around 11 hectares. It is cared for by a group of volunteers, the friends of Mareham Pastures, via the County Council, who are the site owners. There are regular activities and special events and a Conservation Volunteer programme.


Mareham Pastures

The Former Maltings Site

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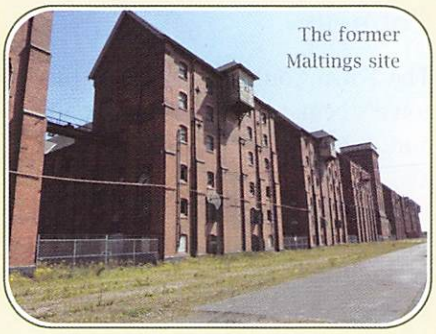
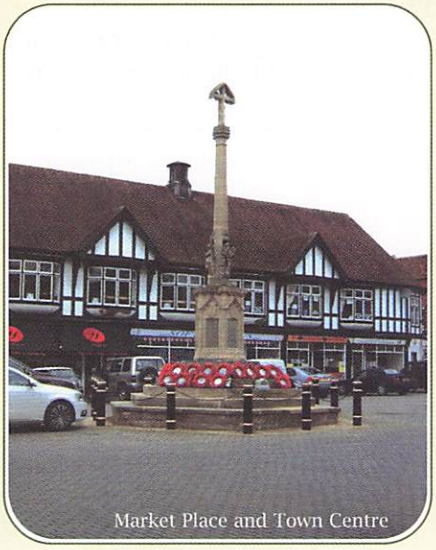

The former Maltings site

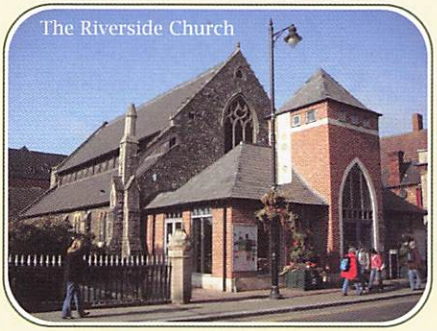
Market Place and Town Centre

A Masterplan exercise has identified areas of future development within the town. The Market Place is one of the central areas outlined in the plan for future development.

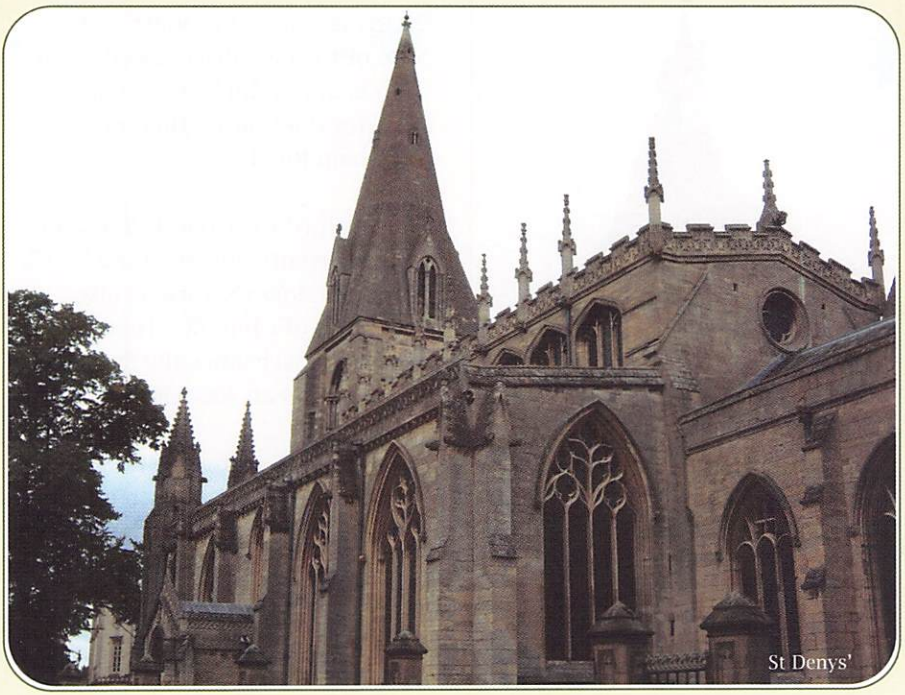

Market Place and Town Centre

Faith in Sleaford

The Parish Church of Sleaford stands alongside the Market Place right in the middle of town. Central to the town for many centuries, St Denys' is the focus for many activities, worship, concerts and social events. It has recently become one of the first churches in the UK to maximise the potential of its south-facing roof to install photo-voltaic panels and produce its own electricity.

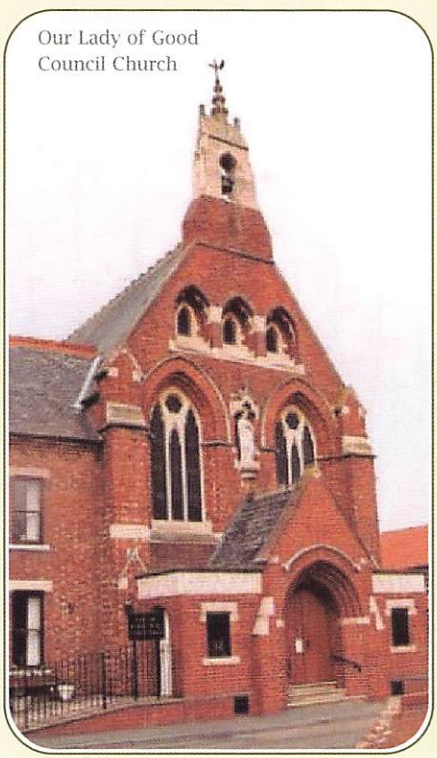

The Riverside Church

Along with other churches in the town, St Denys' is part of Churches Together in Sleaford, encompassing a wide variety of active ministries.


St Denys'

The Riverside Church on Southgate (formerly the United Reformed Church and Sleaford Community Church) operates The Source Multi-Use Centre which offers an excellent facility for meetings, a café and a base for the church's work. See www.riversidesleaford.org.uk for more information.

Our Lady of Good Counsel Church on Jermyn Street is home to an active Roman Catholic community.



Our Lady of Good Council Church

Sleaford Methodist Church on Northgate is now famous for its annual Christmas Tree Festival.

The New Life Church in Sleaford has its own Conference Centre on Mareham Lane, which is well used by various authorities. See www.nlcm.org.uk for more details.

The Salvation Army Hall is situated on Westbanks and, although small, is well used for worship and community events.

Quarrington, on the south-west edge of the old village, has its own church, St Botolph's, which also operates the Church Hall on Grantham Road.

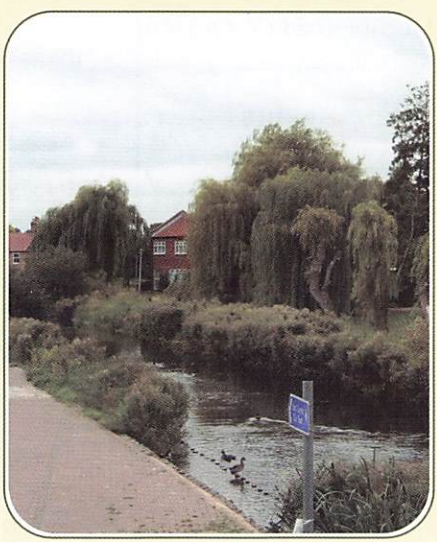
The Sleaford Christian Fellowship, which currently meets in the Youth Centre in Money's Yard, is also a member of Churches Together, which also welcomes the Society of Friends as an Associate.

Other places of worship in Sleaford are the Spiritualist Church on Westgate and The Jehovah's Witness Kingdom Hall on Castle Causeway, as well as an Islamic prayer group. A number of Alpha Groups also meet regularly in the town.

Lincolnshire Chamber of Commerce

Sleaford is an active area of the Lincolnshire Chamber of Commerce. Members are able to focus on what matters to them in their local area, whilst benefiting from a range of support offered through the county and national Chamber network.

The main aims of the Chamber are guided by its members and focus on representing and promoting their interests, whilst providing a range of quality business support services.



The Chamber also plays a major role in assisting in the growth of the local economy and acts as a facilitator to bring together individuals, businesses and business development organisations with the aim of developing long term sustainable growth. As part of the Ultimate Business Network, facilitating a local business events programme is key and up-to-date details of these events can be found on the website.

For further information please contact Rachel Mooney on 01522 846921, rachel.mooney@lincs-chamber.co.uk or visit the website www.lincs-chamber.co.uk

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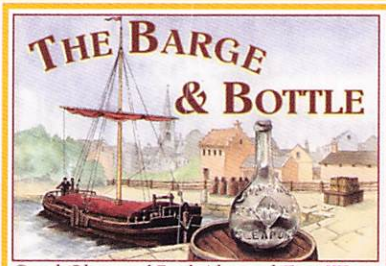

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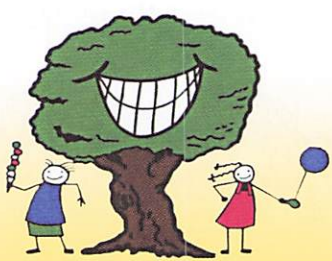

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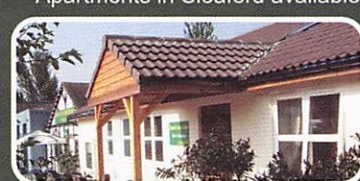

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